12.57 hrs.

[*English*]

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. PRESENTATION OF GENERAL BUDGET

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to inform the House that House will adjourn at 4.00 P.M. today to reassemble at 5.00 P.M. for the presentation of the General Budget. Instead of giving half-an-hour's time in between we are giving one hour's time so that everybody should be able to take his seat in time.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): Sir, why doesn't the Minister read out the Statement on Industrial Policy? (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): It is a lengthy one. You give him at least one hour's time. (*Interruptions*) You can read it in the one hour break that we have today at 4.00 P.M. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Copies will not be distributed here; otherwise it will become very difficult. None of you will collect copies from here. Please go back to your seats.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: It is available at the Publications Counter. If necessary, it will be distributed at your seats also. Please don't come here.

12.58½ hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Second Report

[*English*]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman-Nicobar): I beg to move:

"That this House do agree with the Second Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 20th July, 1991."

MR. SPEAKER: The question is.

"That this House do agree with the Second Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 20th July, 1991."

The Motion was adopted.

12.59 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to send a Central Team to assess the drought situation in Madhya Pradesh, particularly in Chhatisgarh region

[*Translation*]

SHRI KHELAN RAM JANGDE (Bilaspur): Sir, due to failure of rains, drought conditions have developed in Mandhya Pradesh, particularly in the Chhatisgarh region. Majority of the farmers have sown their crops but in the absence of rains the sprouted plants have dried up. There is a shortage of seeds and fertilizers. The Government is not providing seeds and fertilizers and this has led people to migrate from that region.

Essential commodities such as rice, wheat, oil, sugar and kerosene oil are not available through the public distribution system. I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to send a team of observers to assess the situation in order to provide relief from the imminent drought. In order to check people from migrating